



NEWSFLASH Inside Sterling

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DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

~APRIL 3, 2020~

Governor Northam Announces Emergency Funding to Shelter Virginia's Homeless Population



Governor Ralph Northam today announced an initial \$2.5 million in emergency funding to shelter Virginia's statewide homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. This emergency support will provide temporary housing for the approximately 1,500 Virginians who are currently unsheltered or rely on shelters.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Virginia Receives Major Disaster Declaration from Federal Government for COVID-19

Governor Ralph Northam announced on April 2nd that Virginia has received a Major Disaster Declaration to aid in the Commonwealth's response to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. Governor Northam requested this federal disaster assistance on Monday, March 30.

This declaration provides additional support, federal funding to aid statewide response

[Read the Full Press Release](#)



Loudoun County Accepting Donations of Personal Protective Equipment for Distribution

Personal Protective Equipment



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Loudoun County is accepting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and distributing the supplies to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need. Personal protective equipment may include: surgical masks, N95 respirators, disposable gowns, face shields, coveralls, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

The county is not able to accept homemade equipment, such as homemade masks.

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of personal protective equipment. Requests can be made through an online form [here](#).

[Read more](#)

Homeowner Assistance

Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) has established a process for those that are Virginia Housing Homeownership Loan Customers who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 and who need help quickly.

This site provides links to a Borrower's Assistance Package and a log in to their Customer CareNet. If individuals become unemployed and experience a hardship, they advise those individuals to complete a borrower's financial package.

VHDA has also listed additional programs and resources that are available for renters, homeowners, and other partners.



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New Searchable Jobs Portal Shows All Available Careers in Loudoun County



Loudoun Economic Development has unveiled a jobs portal that aggregates and filters all positions currently open in Loudoun County.

boards, providing a comprehensive tool for finding a job in Loudoun County.

Businesses do not have to do anything extra in order to be listed, as the portal pulls from most publicly available job advertisements.

Daily updates at midnight provide real-time job data, and positions that are no longer available will be automatically removed from the search results.

[Read more](#)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program

On April 3, the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program will begin offering nearly \$350 billion in loans to small businesses.



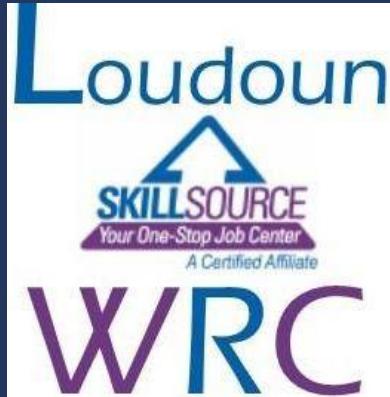
If an employer maintains their workforce, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan used to cover the first 8 weeks of payroll and certain other expenses.

In addition to its traditional loan programs, the SBA is also providing Economic Injury Disaster Loans and forgiveness for up to six months of new and existing loans.

[Find out more from the SBA](#)

[More info from the Loudoun Small Business Development Center](#)

Virtual Job Fair



Please know that during these uncertain times, the staff of the Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center are here to help you through.

Local employers are still hiring and seeking applicants for key positions. On **Thursday, April 9th**, the WRC will hold a **Virtual Job Fair from 3:00-5:00 pm** to meet employers in a virtual environment, hear from employers with job openings in Loudoun County, and discover new career opportunities.

Registered participants will be provided with log-in details for each participating employers' online session.

Interested in a free résumé critique before the fair? Contact us at 703-771-5132

[Register here](#)

New Customer Service Hours and Procedures for Loudoun Clerk of Circuit Court Effective April 6

The Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court is modifying the delivery of essential services in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

In an effort to reduce citizen visits to the Loudoun County courts complex in Leesburg, limit the number of people in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court consistent with recommendations from state and local health officials, and promote social distancing, the Clerk is offering essential services by appointment only.

Also, the **customer service hours for these services will change effective April 6, 2020, to 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily.** Information regarding requesting an appointment for essential services is available at loudoun.gov/clerk.

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Applause for First Responders and Healthcare & Essential Workers



healthcare workers.

Members of the Sterling community have created an event to show appreciation and support of our community's healthcare workers and first responders during these difficult times.

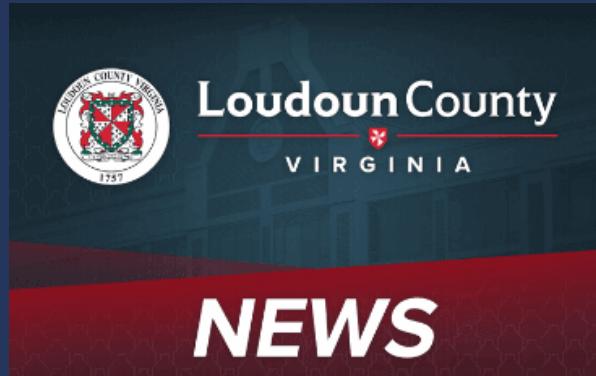
Just step out into your backyard/front porch/balcony/whatever and send out some applause or a few shouts for our Sterling first responders and

Please share this event info and encourage your friends and family to participate this Friday between 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm!

[Find out more](#)

Restaurant Safety Considerations During COVID Shutdown

During the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) wants to remind businesses, and especially restaurants, that scaling back or shutting down operations may expose the business to additional fire risk if certain precautions are not taken.



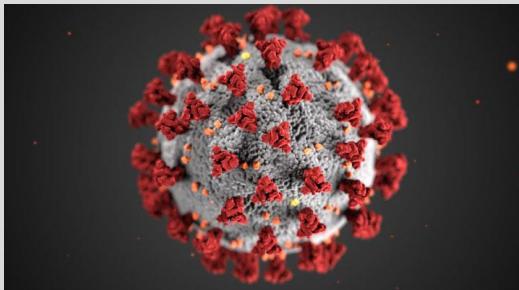
The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office remains operational, however, on-site inspections are being conducted under limited conditions in alignment with social distancing measures.

Please call the FMO at [703-737-8600](tel:703-737-8600) during regular business hours for NON-EMERGENT information or visit our website www.loudoun.gov/firemarshal.

[Read more](#)

Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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